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SUBJECT: SENGHOR VISIT TO MEXICO: JOINT COMMUNIQUE

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1. IN A RATHER LENGTHY JOINT COMMUNIQUE, PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA AND PRESIDENT SENGHOR ON MAY 21 EXPRESSED MUTUAL FRIENDSHIP AND THE FIRM INTENTION OF STRENGTHENING TIES BETWEEN THEIR COUNTRIES. MUCH OF THE LANGUAGE WAS PREDICTABLE: A TRANSLATION OF THE COMMUNIQUE WILL BE POUCHED TO THE DEPARTMENT AND DAKAR. POINTS OF SPECIAL INTEREST ARE SUMMARIZED BELOW.

2. THE TWO PRESIDENTS EXHORTED ALL STATES TO MOVE TOWARD DISARMAMENT; RESOURCES PRESENTLY DEVOTED TO ARMS SHOULD BE USED TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

3. DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WERE URGED TO INCREASE THEIR PARTICIPATION IN WORLD AFFAIRS. THE PRESIDENTS EXPRESSED GRATIFICATION OVER ADOPTION BY UN OF THE CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND TUTIES OF STATES (CERDS) WHICH "CONSTITUTES A JURDICAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE

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ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER."

4. THE PRESIDENTS STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE RECENT DAKAR MEETING (ON COMMODITIES), AGREEING THAT THE PROBLEM OF PETROLEUM IS CLOSELY LINKED WITH THE PROBLEMS AFFECTING OTHER RAW MATERIALS. THEY CALLED FOR A RENEWAL OF THE RECENTLY BEGUN DIALOGUE BETWEEN DEVELOPING AND INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES AT PARIS, WITH PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN COSTS OF RAW MATERIALS EXPORTED BY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES BY COMPARISON WITH MANUFACTURED GOODS AND SERVICES IMPORTED BY THOSE COUNTRIES.

5. BOTH PRESIDENTS CONDEMNED APARTHEID AND THE RACIAL POLICIES OF SOUTH AFRICA AND RHODESIA. SENGHOR REFERRED TO THE ANTI-COLONIAL STRUGGLE IN AFRICA, MENTIONING THE CASES OF ANGOLA AND MOZAMBIQUE; ECHEVERRIA EXPRESSED THE SYMPATHY AND SUPPORT OF HIS GOVERNMENT FOR THE "CAUSE OF EMANCIPATION" OF THE AFRICAN PEOPLES. ECHEVERRIA REFERRED TO THE POLICY OF "OPENNESS"

FOLLOWED BY HIS GOVERNMENT FOLLOWING THE PRINCIPLE OF IDEOLOGICAL PLURALISM WITH RESPECT TO THE COUNTRIES OF AFRICA AND ASIA.

6. ON WORLD FOOD PROBLEMS, THE PRESIDENT AGREED ON THE NECESSITY TO ESTABLISH A STOCK OF FOOD RESOURCES WITH THE SUPPORT OF ALL PRODUCING COUNTRIES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF COUNTRIES AFFECTED BY NATURAL CALAMITY OR EXCESSIVE INCREASES IN FOOD COSTS.

7. THE TWO EXPRESSED DEEP DISAPPOINTMENT OVER THE FAILURE OF THE THIRD LOS CONFERENCE OF THE UN TO COMPLETE NEGOTIATIONS FOR A NEW TREATY AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE ANY TREATY ADOPTED SHOULD INCLUDE, INTER ALIA, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TERRITORIAL SEA INDISSOLUBLY LINKED WITH THE RIGHT OF STATES TO ESTABLISH AN EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE EXTENDING AS FAR AS 200 MILES.

8. THE COMMUNIQUE CITED THE IMPORTANCE OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR, NOTING THAT WOMEN SHOULD PLAY "AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE CREATION OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER."

9. THE PRESIDENTS EXPRESSED THEIR PLEASURE THAT A TREATY OF CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION AND AN AGREEMENT ON TECHNICAL COOPERATION HAD BEEN SIGNED BY THEIR TWO GOVERNMENTS.
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A MIXED COMMISSION HAD ALSO BEEN ESTABLISHED TO OVERSEE CONTINUING COOPERATION AND EXCHANGE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

10. PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA ACCEPTED PRESIDENT SENGHOR'S INVITATION TO VISIT SENEGAL, AT A DATE TO BE ESTABLISHED LATER.
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